

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey, on February 9, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)  
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Pat Connell (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 223, 1/31/2017; SB 166, 1/31/2017

**HEARING ON HB 223**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:18 Rep. Geraldine Custer (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 223, Revise laws relating to title insurance.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:35 Aimee Grmoljez, First American Title and American Title of Montana

00:10:36 Robert Sewell III, First American Title Company (FirstAM)

[EXHIBIT\(bus29a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus29a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus29a03\)](#)

00:19:27 Ted Lovec, American Title and Escrow (ATE)

[EXHIBIT\(bus29a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus29a05\)](#)

00:28:37 William Gowen, Montana Land Title Association (MLTA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:31:17 Jack Owens, title company owner

00:34:50 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)

00:36:44 Nick Jones, attorney

00:38:38 Troy Lutton, independent abstractor

00:42:11 Dan Stusek, State Auditor's Office, Office of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:45:30 Sen. Connell

00:46:40 Mr. Stusek, CSI

00:47:42 Sen. Connell

00:49:18 Mr. Turkiewicz, MBA

00:49:47 Sen. Connell

00:50:42 Mr. Jones, attorney

00:50:56 Sen. Connell

00:51:27 Mr. Jones

00:51:48 Sen. Connell

00:52:04 Mr. Jones

00:52:42 Mr. Gowen, MLTA

00:53:19 Sen. Facey

00:53:50 Mr. Gowen

00:57:13 Sen. Facey

00:57:33 Mr. Gowen

00:58:31 Sen. Facey

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00:59:02 Rep. Custer  
01:02:20 Sen. Facey  
01:02:38 Rep. Custer  
01:04:01 Sen. Brown  
01:05:29 Mr. Sewell, FirstAM  
01:09:55 Sen. Brown  
01:10:24 Mr. Sewell  
01:10:35 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
01:11:20 Rep. Custer  
01:13:03 Sen. Connell  
01:13:56 Mr. Gowen  
01:15:36 Mr. Connell  
01:15:58 Mr. Gowen  
01:16:43 Sen. Salomon  
01:17:07 Rep. Custer  
01:17:31 Sen. Facey  
01:17:59 Mr. Turkiewicz  
01:18:56 Sen. Facey  
01:19:14 Mr. Lovec, ATE  
01:20:36 Sen. Facey  
01:20:50 Mr. Lovec  
01:20:56 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
01:21:18 Mr. Lovec  
01:23:12 Sen. Brown  
01:23:43 Mr. Stusek, CSI  
01:25:07 Sen. Brown  
01:25:19 Mr. Stusek  
01:26:37 Chairman Buttrey  
01:27:22 Mr. Stusek  
01:28:22 Chairman Buttrey  
01:28:45 Mr. Gowen  
01:29:11 Chairman Brown  
01:29:44 Mr. Sewell  
01:30:08 Sen. Fitzpatrick left the meeting.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:31:04 Rep. Custer  
Sen. Vance left the meeting.  
  
01:37:41 Recess  
01:45:24 Reconvene  
  
01:45:34 Vice Chair Brown assumed the duties of chair.

**HEARING ON SB 166**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:46:00 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 166, Adopt enhanced nurse licensure compact.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:53:51 Nicole Livanos, National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)

02:01:07 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

**[EXHIBIT\(bus29a06\)](#)**

02:07:40 Heather O'Hara, registered nurse

02:10:08 Christine Bates, director of nursing, Shodair Children's Hospital

02:12:10 Rayn Ginnaty, Benefis Health System

02:13:35 Dave Noble, director of nursing, Livingston Health Care

02:16:00 Prudence Ferraro, St. Peter's Hospital

02:17:39 Vickie Groeneweg, Bozeman Health

02:25:18 Kali Wicks, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana

02:26:06 Amy Beames, Benefis Health System

**[EXHIBIT\(bus29a07\)](#)**

02:27:22 Aidan Myhre, Kalispell Regional Medical Center

**[EXHIBIT\(bus29a08\)](#)**

02:29:11 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

02:31:14 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals of Montana

02:32:01 Stacey Anderson, Community Health Centers

02:34:22 Tim Summers, AARP Montana

**[EXHIBIT\(bus29a09\)](#)**

02:36:18 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:38:20 Vicki Byrd, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)

**[EXHIBIT\(bus29a10\)](#)**

02:49:24 Brenda Donaldson, registered nurse

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:52:34 Sen. Fitzpatrick

02:53:00 Sen. Buttrey

02:53:34 Sen. Fitzpatrick

02:53:59 Sen. Buttrey

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02:54:38 Ms. Livanos, NCSBN  
02:55:57 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
02:56:25 Ms. Livanos  
02:57:20 Sen. Facey  
02:57:35 Ms. Byrd, MNA  
02:59:00 Sen. Facey  
02:59:46 Ms. Blumenthal, MHA  
03:01:26 Sen. Facey  
03:01:57 Ms. Blumenthal  
03:03:09 Sen. Facey  
03:03:21 Chair Brown  
03:03:33 Ms. Blumenthal  
03:04:32 Sen. Facey  
03:04:37 Ms. Blumenthal  
03:04:46 Sen. Facey  
03:05:08 Sen. Buttrey  
03:05:48 Sen. Connell  
03:06:24 Sen. Buttrey  
03:06:41 Ms. Livanos  
03:07:32 Sen. Connell  
03:07:58 Ms. Livanos  
03:08:53 Chair Brown  
03:09:00 Ms. Blumenthal  
03:10:15 Chair Brown  
03:10:33 Ms. Byrd  
03:14:08 Chair Brown  
03:14:15 Ms. Byrd  
03:14:51 Sen. Vuckovich  
03:16:05 Mr. Foster, Catholic Hospitals

**Closing by Sponsor:**

03:17:14 Sen. Buttrey  
03:20:00 Sen. Buttrey assumed the duties of chair.

**Committee Business:**

03:20:39 Sen. Connell  
03:21:03 Chair Buttrey  
03:21:33 Sen. Connell  
03:21:35 Chair Buttrey  
03:21:49 Sen. Vuckovich

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:25 AM

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([bus29aad.pdf](#))